

HSS SNOOKER COMPETITION – AGM 2017

Minutes from AGM Monday 6 March 2017

1. The 2017 HSS Snooker Competition Annual General Meeting was held at Hornsby RSL Club on Monday 6 March 2017.

2. The following representatives from participating clubs were present:

Andy de Haan, President - Hornsby

Harry Anderson, Secretary, Treasurer - Hornsby

David McMahon – Hornsby

Glenn McGown – Hornsby

Peter Mather - North Ryde

Paul Jim - City Tatts

Patrick Gauci - Castle Hill

Jon Burrard – Gladesville

Josh Lawrence – Gladesville

Apologies: Vaz Ozorov – Narrabeen, David Waller - Castle Hill,
Dennis Tritt – City Tatts

3. **Minutes of last AGM**

The meeting was opened at 7.10pm by Harry Anderson who explained that copies of the minutes of last year's meeting had been sent to all attendees at last year's AGM in March 2016 and no corrections had been recommended. The minutes were accepted as correct.

Business Arising from last AGM

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. **President's Report**

Andy de Haan read out the President's Report which is attached.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Harry Anderson presented the Secretary/Treasurer's Report which was accepted. Harry advised that the balance sheet would be posted on the HSS website. He also advised that he was stepping down as Secretary of the HSS Competition.

7. **Election of Officers for 2017**

The 2016 office bearers stood down and an election of office bearers to conduct the administration was held. The following positions were nominated, elected and accepted as forming the committee:

President - Andy de Haan

Secretary - Patrick Gauci

Treasurer - Harry Anderson.

4. Nominations for 2017 Competition

The following teams were nominated for the 2017 competition:

Hornsby 1, Hornsby 2, City Tatts 1, City Tatts 2, Norths1, Norths 2, Castle Hill, North Ryde, Narrabeen and Gladesville.

As Norths will only have two tables available it was agreed that all matches at Norths are to start at 7pm or earlier if possible. Gladesville closes down early on Tuesday nights so all matches at Gladesville are to start at 7pm or earlier. All teams are requested to ensure at least two players are available to start at 7pm or earlier for their matches at Norths and Gladesville. Gladesville have other team fixtures on some Tuesday nights at Gladesville. The draw will take those fixtures into account, which will likely cause more consecutive Home or consecutive Away matches for most teams. Further discussion led to agreement that subject to no objection from teams, all matches at all venues should commence at 7pm or earlier.

Dates for Pre-Season Competition and Round 1 of HSS

There will be no Pre-Season competition this year. It was agreed that there is no need for any more pre-season fixtures as information and distribution of fixtures and result sheets are more easily handled by more modern communications. No matches will be scheduled on Anzac Day.

Round 1 of the HSS Cup will commence at 7pm on Tuesday 4 April. A fixture list will be provided before end of March.

5. 2017 Subscriptions and Result Reports

The Treasurer called for \$100 cheques from each team to be sent to him before Round 4 of the competition, and explained the set up for reporting results. Preferred method is to send result with breaks of 40+ by email to patrick.gauci21@gmail.com and entry of result in the HSS website result page by the home team. In addition the result sheet should be scanned or photographed by the home team and sent to Patrick to enable recording of players match history.

6. Finals and Semi Finals Venues

As Hornsby has 6 tables it was agreed that both semis should take place on same date at Hornsby. It was agreed that subject to the approval by the Hornsby RSL Club Board of Directors, the following would be scheduled to take place at Hornsby RSL Club: Both HSS Semi-Finals with 6 tables reserved from 1 hour prior to start; and HSS Grand Final and Presentation Function immediately following the match.

The fixture list is to be promulgated with venues for the knockout stages to be shared by the other clubs. Patrick Gauci was asked to request Castle Hill who have hosted the Scottish Cup Grand Final for the past few years to consider holding it again this year. Patrick advised that it will almost certainly be approved. Our thanks go to Castle Hill RSL Club for being so supportive..

7. Scottish Cup Finals Format

As there are 9 teams participating, the Scottish Cup semi-finals would be played for by the teams positioned 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th after Round 20, using the same format as the HSS finals.

8. Any Other Business

After much discussion and debate it was decided by the majority of those attending that the foul and miss rule in force in 2016 will be applied in 2017. This will require a foul and miss to be called automatically for a failure to strike a ball-on in a fully snookered situation on the first attempt (this will remove any argument about whether a genuine attempt was made). However a foul and miss can only be called again if subsequent attempts to hit a ball on is struck with insufficient force to reach a ball-on or no real attempt has been made. In the event of any dispute, the Captains of both teams are to decide the outcome. Also the Captains of the home teams are to advise the players before the match starts about this year's ruling.

Last year the President raised the issue of dress code for all HSS matches. He was dissatisfied with the breaches consistently occurring and made it clear that he will not continue to sponsor the Competition if the rules were not strictly adhered to. It was agreed to retain last year's ruling that a 2 points penalty for any team who fail to meet the dress rules, which basically are dark tailored trousers, plain coloured or team shirts and shoes. Thongs, sneakers, jeans and tank tops hanging out over pants are definitely not allowed. Captains are responsible for ensuring their players comply and have to accept the 2 point penalty. Players who are not properly dressed can play the singles and doubles but 2 points will be deducted from that team's score. If a dress code violation occurs the result sheet is to be annotated "DCV 2pts"

It was suggested by Glenn McGown and agreed that for the HSS Grand there should be an additional dress code requirement. Grand Final team captains are required to ensure their team are all dressed in the same fashion, either all in team shirts, or all in long sleeve shirts with vest.

It was agreed to implement the Mercy Rule this year where frames are to be stopped when all the reds are gone if there is a score gap that requires more than 3 snookers. This equates to a 40 point difference if Yellow is still on table, 38 if Green is still on, 35 if Brown is still on, 34 if Blue is still on, and 32 if only pink and black are left. Markers are to call the end of frame when this status is reached. Captains are to explain this to their teams before the start of each match.

John Burrard and Josh Lawrence proposed that the team heading the table at the end of the round robin stage go straight through to the Grand Final. After some discussion it was agreed that the existing format be retained but providing some prize for being the league premiers would be a good idea. This will require sponsorship to cover the cost, so captains will be requested to discuss with their teams to see whether anyone is willing to sponsor such an annual trophy, perhaps a Cup or a special pennant or some other appropriate item

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

H G Anderson
Secretary, HSS Snooker Competition